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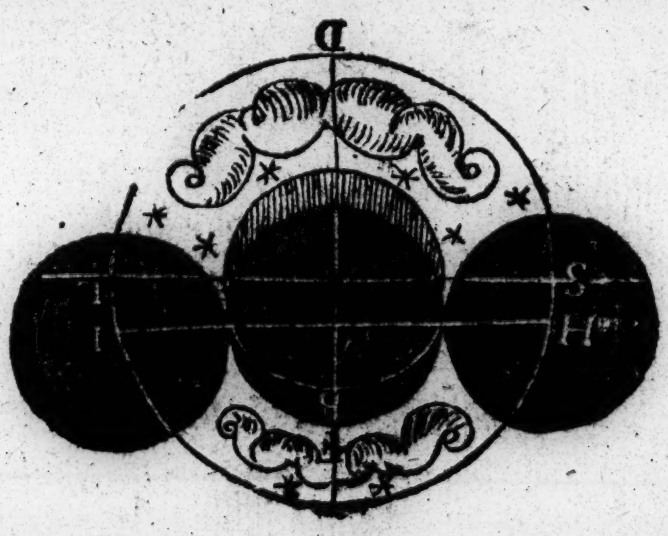
The great and terrible Inundation of Waters, and over-flowing of the Lower-Town of *Deptford*, on *Thursday* last, about two of the clock in the Afternoon: With the manner how the River of *Thames* brake into the *Merchants* yard, *Greenwich* Meadows, and several other places; removed great Trees, level'd strong Foundations, drowned many hundreds of Cattel, and flowing up to the second story of the Chambers, insomuch, that the Water-men were forced to row up and down the streets with their Boats, to take men, women, and children, out at their Windows, and to save little Children that swum in their Cradles: With the appearing of three black Clouds immediatl before the Floud, foreshewing the strange things that will happen, a sudden change, and each man to enjoy his own again.



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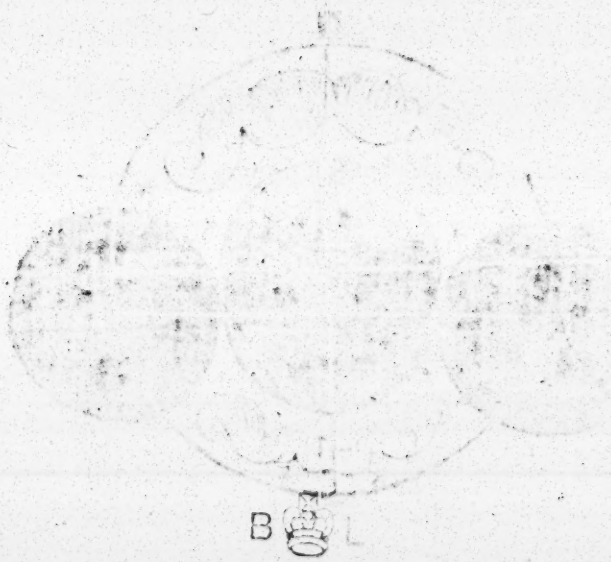

Strange Newes from Deptford; being a true Relation of the great inundation of the River of Thames, on Thursday last in the Afternoon.

ABout two of the clock in the Afternoon on Thursday last, there hapned a great inundation of the River of Thames, and breaking in of the Waters upon Lower-Deptford, and Greenwich Meadows, and Marshes adjacent; occasioned by an extream great Spring-Tide, the like hath not been known these many years: the manner whereof followeth:

The Wind ſitting in the North-Eaſt Point, had ſuch power and influence upon the waters, that it forced the waves in abundance from the main Ocean; inſomuch that the bounds of the Earth could not contain the limits thereof; but ſeverall inundations and breaches were made about Woollage, Graveſ-end, and other places, to the great loſſe and dammage of many hundreds of Cattel; as will appear by the enſuing Inventory: But this is not all; a more dreadful paſſage I have here to recite, viz. When this tempeſtuous Storm began to make its appearance neer Deptford, the North-Eaſt VVind blew ſo vehemently from the Point, that it made the waters riſe above ten foot extraordinary, and at laſt brake down the banks neer Greenwich, and overflowed the Meadows, drowning many hundreds of Cattel. And about two of the clock in the Afternoon the waves came ſo thick and violent one upon another, that they forced down the Piles of wood, and made entrance into the Merchants Yard, removing great trees and pieces of wood, that 20 horſes could ſcarce move them. But ſo great was the in-let thereof, that in half an hours time, part of the Lower-town was 7 foot deep in water, which cauſed great admiration to all the Spectators: And each man and woman endeavoured to ſhift for themſelves, retiring

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towards the Church and Upper-town, leaving their goods and chattell to the mercy of the mercileſſe waves. The waters ſtill increaſed for the ſpace of an hour, till it came to about 10 foot deep, equalizing in height the ſecond ſtory, inſomuch that the watermen were forced to make uſe of their boats, for helping both men, women, and children, out at their chamber windowes; yet 'tis ſaid that ſome have periſhed notwithſtanding.

It threatned great calamities to divers perſons, and even came home to the door of many; amongſt the reſt, it forced entrance into one Gammer Farthings houſe, who being turning the ſpit, laden with a gallant Gooſe, and having two children, one in the cradle, and another out of it, ran forth to call her husband; but before their return, the houſe was about three foot deep in water; the cradle floting, with the child in it; the Gooſe ſwimming; and the other child ſaved it ſelf by getting on the top of a high table: which ſad ſpectacle the father perceiving, ruſhed up to the middle in water, and brought forth his two children. But it pleaſed God about 4 of the clock the waters abated, and each man laid their helping hands for the draining it out of their houſes; This hapned ſome few hours before the change of the Moon, and may prognoſticate a greater change.

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An Inventory of the Sheep, Hogs, and other Cattel, which perished in this great Floud.

In Greenwich Medes, Marshes, and parts adjacent, there were drowned about five hundred sheep, one hundred fat Oxen, Bullocks, Cowes, and Heifers.

In Deptford Meadows, Ratcliff Marshes, and the fields adjacent, about two hundred, sheep, cowes, Bullocks, and other cattel.

In Blackwal Medes, the fields, and marshes adjacent', great loss of cattel, and other valuable commodities.

About Woollage, Greenwich, Tilbury, and other maritan Towns along the coast of Essex, &c. great is the loss of the Inhabitants which they have received by these Inundations.

The power and ſtrength of the Waters were of ſo great force, that it brake the Cabels of the ſhips which lay at Anchor in the River of Thames, and forced many to fall foul upon one another; but by the great care and vigilancy of the Maſters and Mariners, the loſs and dammage was no way conſiderable.

This inundation abounded much, and the limits thereof extended far; for as it took its firſt Riſe from the Ocean Seas, ſo it never abated till it came to the very doors of the Inhabitants, ſituated upon the brinks of the mouth of Thames; For at Rye (in Eſſex) ſhe began to rage about five of the clock in the morning, on Thurſday the firſt inſtant (an unwelcome New-years Gift) and never abated, till 5 in the Afternoon at London: ſo vehement and turbulent was the Waves thereof, that they brake down great Bulworks, undermined ſtrong foundations, and forced down the banks, inſomuch that many ſtreets were overflowed, about Wapping, St. Tulies, and other places; and amongſt the reſt, divers Cellers in Thames-ſtreet, London, were overflowed, which cauſed that to ſtand and flote, which before ſeemed to be extingniſhed both from life and ſenſe, viz. even the poor and weakeſt liquid of ſmall beer.

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Great hath been the loſs which many hundred have received both in City and Country; but for the future, I humbly implore them to bear in Record this Obſervation, That when you diſcern the Sun to be eclipſed, and the appearing of three black Clouds; then expect great inundations, loſs of cattel, changes, and dreadful Revolutions; even as a ſignal from Heaven, to purge Nations and Commonwealths from oppreſſion and tyranny, and to reſtore to the Free-born their juſt Freedom and Liberty; that ſo peace may abound within the walls of Sion, and each man enjoy their own again.

This Eclipſe was ſeen at Naples two dayes before the great inundation of waters, on the 16 of Decem. laſt; And even the night before it hapned at Deptford; three black Clouds were ſeen in the firmament in the ſame manner and figure, as it is preſented and ſet forth in the Frontice-piece.

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